

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **AMEND** paragraph 0001 as follows:

[0001] This application is a Continuation Application of Application No. 10/107,395, ~~new~~which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,643,232 ~~pending and allowed~~, which is a Divisional Application of Application No. 09/294,344, filed April 20, 1999, and which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,480,446. This application also claims the benefit of Korean Application Nos. 98-14059, filed April 20, 1998; 98-23913, filed June 24, 1998; 98-29733, filed July 23, 1998; 98-34880, filed August 27, 1998; and 98-35847, filed September 1, 1998, in the Korean Patent Office, the disclosures of which were filed in Application No. 09/294,344 and are incorporated herein.

Please **AMEND** paragraph 0032 as follows:

[0032] FIG. 4A illustrates the structure of the disc certification flag shown in FIG. 3. When a bit b7 among three bits b7, b6 and b5 representing an in-process state is "0b", it indicates format completion, and when the bit b7 is "1b", it indicates an under-formation state. When the bit b6 is "0b", it indicates the progress of formatting using full certification, and when the bit b6 is "1b", it indicates the progress of formatting using partial certification. When the bit b5 is "0b", it indicates the progress of formatting on the entire disc, and when the bit b5 is "1b", it indicates the progress of formatting on only groups, and indicates that the group certification flag is effective. When a bit b1 representing user certification is "0b", it indicates that a disc has never been certified by a user, and when the bit b1 is "1b", it indicates that a disc has been certified one or more times by a user. When a bit b0 representing disc manufacturer certification is "0b", it indicates that a disc has never been certified by a manufacturer, and when the bit 0 is "1b", it indicates that the disc has been certified one or more times by the manufacturer. Other bits b4, b3, and b2 are reserved. However, "in-process" is set to be "1**00**"~~XX~~ by any certification before formatting, (where the symbol "x" means a 'don't care bit,' i.e., "1" or "0" and when formatting is completed, the "in-process" is reset to be "000".